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INCREASED VC/NVA ACTIVITY
BASE AREAS 70I AND 740
CAMBODIA

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INCREASED VC/NVA ACTIVITY, BASE AREAS 701 AND 740, CAMBODIA

Activity in Cambodia has continued to increase since [REDACTED] 1-3/ This activity includes the construction of a large, new troop training area in Base Area 701 and the construction of a large probable VC/NVA barracks and storage area immediately west of Base Area 740 (Figure 1).

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BASE AREA 701

A new Communist training area (Figures 2 & 3) is located in Base Area 701, 2 nautical miles (nm) inside Cambodia and 21 nm south-southwest of Duc Co, South Vietnam.

This training area, constructed since [REDACTED] consists of over 5,000 feet of trenching, 35 bunkers, and several small dispersed buildings. Four tank mockups, two probable armored personnel carrier (APC) mockups, and two unidentified mockups are within the area. The mockups appear to have been designed for use as training devices for defensive tactics, assault tactics against enemy tanks, or for general recognition.

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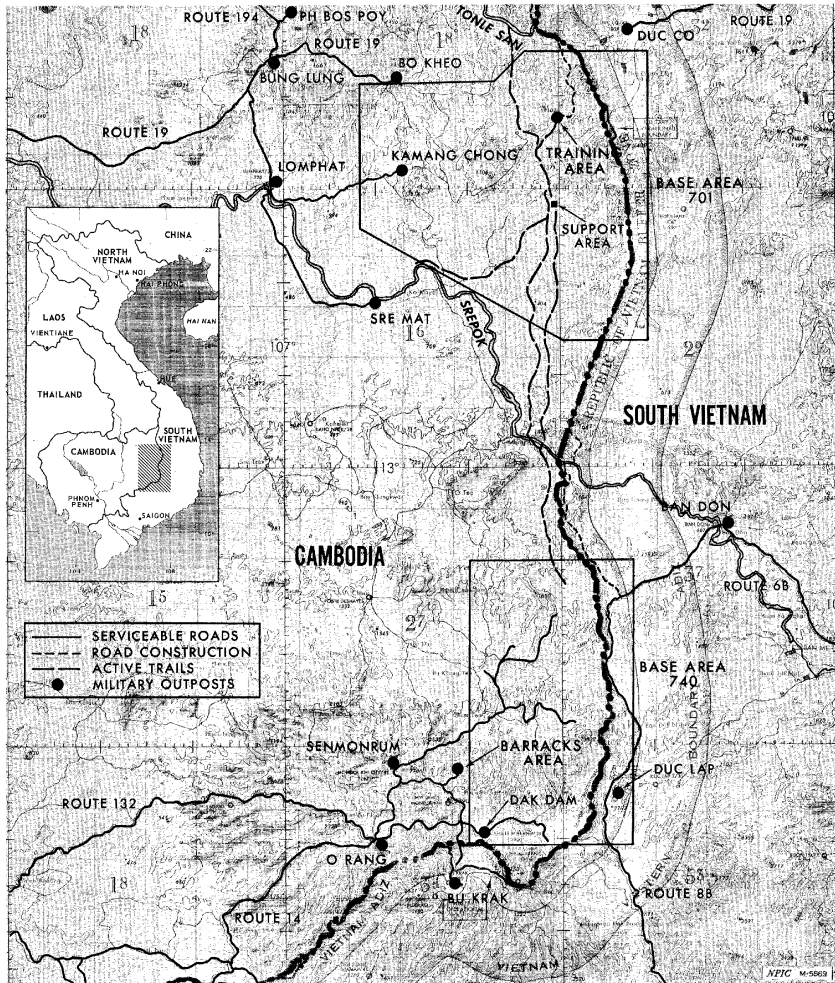


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BASE AREAS 701 AND 740.

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This area is connected by a well-used trail network to a probable support area 10 nm to the south. Since [REDACTED] this support area has been expanded and contains 15 partially concealed buildings, trenches, bunkers, and several areas of extensive row cropping.

BASE AREA 740

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A new area of significant activity is observed immediately west of Base Area 740 and 8.2 nm north of the South Vietnam border (Figure 4). It is a probable VC/NVA barracks and storage area consisting of at least 235 structures, 200 of which have been constructed since [REDACTED]. Most of the buildings are concealed or partially concealed under the heavy tree canopy and are of differing construction and larger than the buildings indigenous to this area. Seventeen large barracks or storage-type buildings, which were located in an open area in [REDACTED] have been removed and replaced with smaller buildings and row cropping. Extensive row cropping is observed throughout the area. Two flagpoles with star-shaped bases, a truck, and numerous personnel are observed on photography of [REDACTED]

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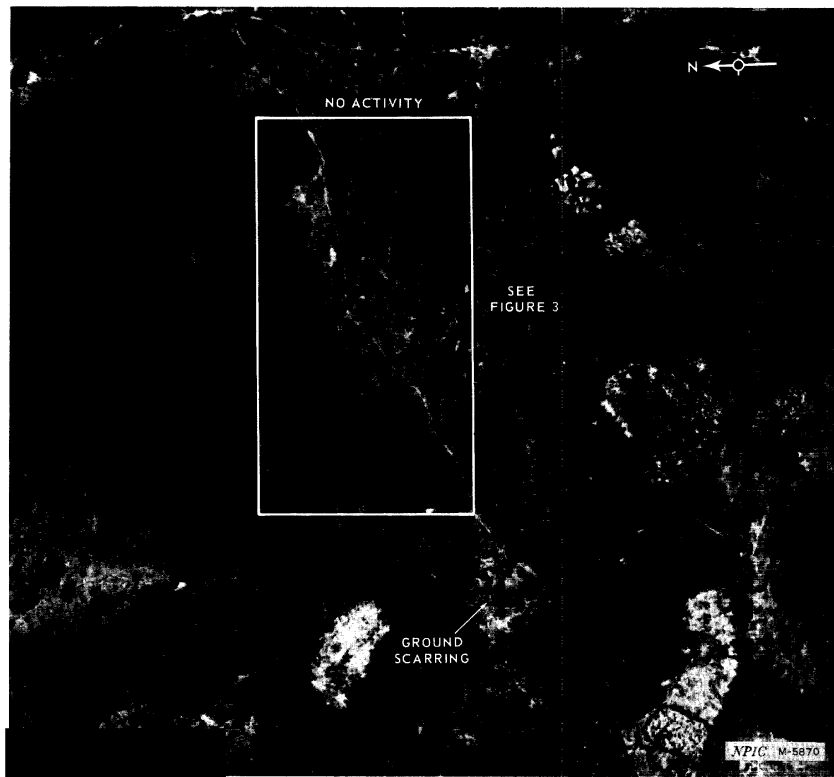
This probable VC/NVA barracks area is served by an unnumbered road which runs south to Cambodia Route 14. Several well used trails extend east from the area toward the South Vietnam border.

1. NPIC. R-114/68, Communist Insurgency in Eastern Cambodia, Oct 68 (CONFIDENTIAL/No Foreign Dissem [REDACTED])
2. NPIC. R-135/68, Communist Base Areas 701 and 702 Undergoing Change in Cambodia, Dec 68 (CONFIDENTIAL/No Foreign Dissem [REDACTED])
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FIGURE 2. NEW TRAINING AREA [REDACTED]

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FIGURE 3. NEW TRAINING AREA

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FIGURE 4. PROBABLE VC/NVA BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA.

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